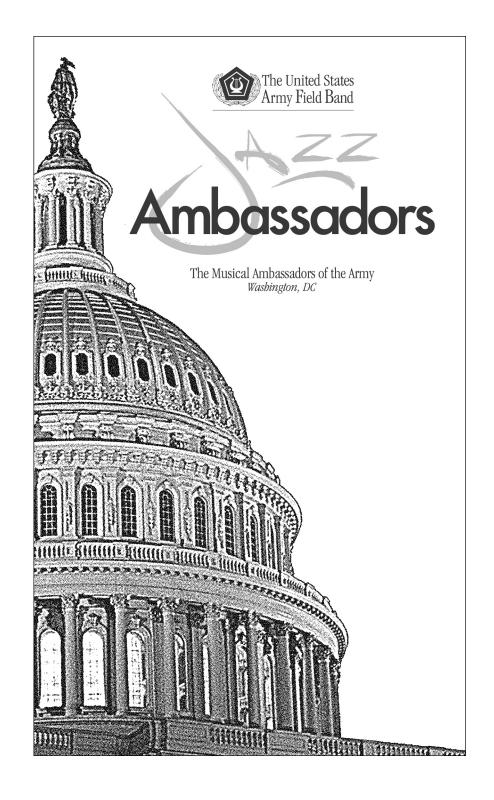
## **Command Group**

Colonel Finley R. Hamilton, <i>Commander</i>
Jazz Ambassadors
Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Laird, <i>Director</i>
Saxophones/WoodwindsSergeant Major Eugene Thorne, NCOIC*Vero Beach, FloridaSergeant Major Pat Dillon, Assistant Director**Ashwaubenon, WisconsinMaster Sergeant Darryl Brenzel*Germantown, New YorkSergeant First Class Andrew LaytonKent, WashingtonStaff Sergeant Pat ShookSpokane, Washington
TrumpetsSergeant First Class Kevin Watt**Grand Rapids, MichiganSergeant First Class Michael JohnstonDenver, ColoradoSergeant First Class Jack WengroskyHillside, IllinoisStaff Sergeant Paul ArmstrongFairfield, CaliforniaStaff Sergeant Paul StephensDel City, Oklahoma
Trombones  Master Sergeant Mike Buckley**  Sergeant First Class Jeff Adams  Hemet, California Sergeant First Class Christopher Buckholz  Staff Sergeant Major Bailey  Satellite Beach, Florida
Vocalist Sergeant First Class Marva Lewis
Rhythm SectionPanama City, FloridaMaster Sergeant Steve Cosper, Guitar**Panama City, FloridaSergeant First Class Jeff Lopez, Bass*Staten Island, New YorkSergeant First Class Tim Young, PianoNewport News, VirginiaStaff Sergeant Todd Harrison, Drums*Houston, Texas

Transportation/Stage Support

The mission of The United States Army Field Band is to "carry into the grassroots of our country the story of our magnificent Army."

In performances across America and throughout the world, the men and women of this organization take great pride in reflecting the excellence of all our nation's soldiers.



<sup>\*</sup> Jazz Ambassadors Staff Arranger \*\*Section Leader



The Musical Ambassadors of the Army Washington, DC

## Grand Island, Nebraska March 24, 2005

Johnny One Note	
What Kind of Fool Am I Leslie Bricusse & Anthony Newton arr. Manny Mendelson	
Laytonalism	
Next Chapter	
Ain't Misbehavin'	
Sergeant First Class Marva Lewis, vocal	
If He Walked Into My Life Jerry Herman, trans. SGM Eugene Thorne*	
Day In, Day Out Rube Bloom & Johnny Mercer, arr. MSG Vince Norman*	
Take the "A"Train	
Bucking the System	
I Just Found Out About Love	
Sergeant First Class Marva Lewis, vocal	
A Visit to New Orleansselections to be announced	
Armed Forces Salute various, arr. MSG Vince Norman*	
God Bless America	

**The Jazz Ambassadors** is the United States Army's premier touring jazz orchestra. As a component of The United States Army Field Band of Washington, DC, this internationally-acclaimed organization travels thousands of miles each year to present jazz, America's national treasure, to enthusiastic audiences in every state in the nation and around the world.

Formal public concerts, school assemblies, clinics, music festivals, and radio and television appearances are all part of the Jazz Ambassadors' yearly schedule. The band has appeared in all fifty states, Canada, Mexico, Europe, Japan, and the Republic of India. Notable performances include participation in the inaugurations of presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton, appearances at the Nice Jazz Festival in France, the North Sea Jazz Festival in the Netherlands, the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland, the Jazz and Heritage Festival in New Orleans, and the Newport Jazz Festival in Rhode Island.

Many of the members are also composers and arrangers whose writing helps create the band's unique sound. Concert repertoire includes big band swing, bebop, contemporary jazz, popular tunes, and dixieland. Each program includes exciting selections performed by the band's talented and versatile vocalist, Sergeant First Class Marva

Whether performing in the United States or representing our country overseas, the Jazz Ambassadors entertains audiences of all ages and backgrounds by presenting the American art form known as jazz.

Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Laird is a native of Arcade, New York. He graduated from the State University of New York at Potsdam in 1976, earning a Bachelor of Music in Education, and in 1978 received a Master of Arts in Fine Arts from Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University). He enlisted in the United States Army later that year and spent the next five years on staff at the Armed Forces School of Music in Norfolk, Virginia. After eight years as percussionist, arranger, and leader of the stage band at Fort Monroe, Virginia, he was transferred to Heidelberg, Germany, and recommended for warrant officer.

Mr. Laird completed the Warrant Officer Bandmaster Course in 1993 and assumed command of the 1st Cavalry Division Band at Fort Hood, Texas. Four years later, he was appointed Associate Bandmaster and Director of the Jazz Knights of the United States Military Academy Band, West Point, New York. Mr. Laird became Direc-

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